NEVADA GIRLS STATE ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 1

Memorializes the 2017 session of Nevada Girls to enact legislation that will prohibit large stores from providing a single-use plastic carryout bag to a customer unless the bag is recyclable and/or compostable and is sold for no less than five cents.

WHEREAS, Plastic bags are produced using natural gas; and

WHEREAS, Plastic bags do not biodegrade and are extremely light and easily caught in the wind; and

WHEREAS, Bag fees worked to dramatically increase the habit of people carrying their own bags; and

WHEREAS, A plastic bag can last in a landfill for up to one thousand years; and

WHEREAS, At least twelve million barrels of oil are used per year in the manufacture of plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of a plastic bag fee would greatly reduce carbon emissions and improve waste management; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on June 26, 2015 that the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will prohibit stores from giving out plastic bags without charging a minimum of five cents.